

HOUSE BILL 1794

By McCord

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70,
Chapter 2, Part 2, relative to roe.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 2, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following new section:

Section 70-2-2__.

(a) Any person, firm or corporation that purchases or otherwise obtains
roe taken from fish species that are defined by proclamation as commercial roe
fish species and are harvested from Tennessee waters shall pay to the
Tennessee wildlife resources agency the amount equal to three dollars (\$3.00)
per pound of roe purchased or obtained.

(b) The payment to the agency shall be calculated from a report
describing each transaction that is completed and submitted with such payment
by the buyer on a form prescribed by the agency. A copy of each report shall be
retained by the buyer and shall be made available by the buyer for inspection by
agents of the agency or the office of the comptroller of the treasury for a period of
two (2) years. For purposes of this section, a "buyer" means any person, firm or
corporation that buys or otherwise obtains roe from commercial fishers, either for
use within the state or for exporting from Tennessee.

(c) Payments from buyers shall be made monthly. Payments and reports
shall be received by the agency no later than the fifteenth day of the following
month.

(d) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

